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Short Weight Congress.

The House of How Not to Do It have adjourned. It was time for however halting they may have been in the way of doing work, they were up to the minute when it came to appropriating public money. This congress was another billion dollar congress. And here is what the country got for that billion dollars:

An employers' liability law. Apparently a good one.

A child labor law for the District of Columbia. This also seems to be a good measure.

A patchwork emergency currency law that satisfies no one, not even the men who jammed it through.

A—A—well, you will have to excuse us, but that is about all. We would like to add that congress did well in refusing to pass some laws. Beveridge's child labor scheme, for instance would have wiped out every state line, and made a national bureau all but omnipotent; and we are exceedingly glad that for whatever reason congress declined to take Roosevelt's battleship program seriously. Add these works of omission to those of commission, and you have a billion dollars' worth—perhaps.

But some of the things that the country expected to get for that nice little sum are conspicuous by their absence. The inheritance tax, for instance, and the free wood pulp, the campaign fund publicity bill, the bill establishing a tariff commission, all these and many more were left out. If ever a congress gave a nation short weight for its money the sixtieth congress has done so by these United States. It has finished nothing. It has made provision to finish nothing. The President has been strenuously endeavoring to get the Republican party the credit for a national waterways policy, and has appointed a national waterways commission to investigate and gather information. The commission has already information enough—information thrust upon it by waiting chambers of commerce—to proceed to business on a broad, comprehensive plan. Instead of conferring the power to so proceed, congress votes to continue the commission and appropriate just enough money to do this.—Denver News.

"Do" Things and Men.

Editor S. T. Wiley in Kirksville Democrat: The currency bill was fixed up by the conference committee to suit Wall street and the frenzied financiers. Certainly the republican party "does things."

Feather Bed Flap.

Editor W. T. Jenkins in Platte City Landmark: President Roosevelt started out with a great sound of trumpets to do many things, but told Joe Cannon smiled, elevated his cigar and the great Rough Rider went down like the noiseless flap of a feather bed in the rolling sea.

Mrs. H. B. Reid was with Shelby friends Thursday.

Finley

Weston Finley of the vicinity of Rensselaer passed away at 4:30 p. m. Wednesday after an illness of six weeks duration, the culmination of an attack of paralysis. The deceased was an old citizen having been born on the farm on which he died. He leaves a widow, and two children, Mrs. J. Jas. Clayton and Basil Finley of Rensselaer and a grand son Weston Finley of this city.

He had been a member of the Presbyterian church at Rensselaer for many years and was one of the most substantial members. The funeral will occur at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow. The service will be conducted by Rev. J. E. Travis, pastor of the Big Creek church.—Hannibal Courier-Post.

Mr. Finley was well known and highly respected in this city.

Sunflower Wisdom.

Some men don't know much, but they always know enough to think of the meanest thing.

After people pass a certain age they begin to talk less about poetry and more about how awfully hard it is to save their money.

The laziest animal we know anything about is a pug dog. And the pug dog is always puffing around as if it were about worked to death.

A man who is loved by a woman has no liberty. A married man who looks at a pretty girl, except as he looks at a catfish or a spring rabbit or a turtle or any other ordinary thing, is untrue to his plighted troth.

Most people have two kinds of manners; one they use in the kitchen, and the other one they save for parlor use. You never know a man until you know his kitchen manners. One reason that marriage brings out so many unpleasant surprises is that the courtship was based on parlor manners.

There is a notion that men never admire a woman who is popular with the women. There is nothing in it. Men always admire the women who are distinguished for behaving themselves. They may pay attention to the other kind, but it is the same sort of attention that a wolf gives a sheep when he lies and watches it all day, in the hope of catching the shepherd's back turned.—Atchison (Kas.) Globe.

A rural Missouri newspaper proprietor quickened the memories of his subscribers in the following manner: "All persons knowing themselves indebted to this office are requested to call and settle. All those indebted to this office and not knowing it are requested to call and find out. Those knowing themselves to be indebted and not wishing to call are requested to stay at one place long enough for us to catch them!"—Quincy Herald.

T. Jack Crane and family, of near Philadelphia were with friends in this city Thursday.

Mrs. John Conery, of New Castle, Kan., is the guest of her kinsman, John Cleary and family.

Oscar Cochlin was visiting his father-in-law, John Baxter, who is recovering from a recent stroke of Paralysis, at his home in the Elm Woods, near Palmyra.

The Lonely Grave

There's a beautiful silent city not very far away. Where flowers bloom all summer and robins sing all day. Each house holds a single inmate, none more permitted there.

Man, or woman, or infant, each has a single share!

All day long come the people, thro' the archway of the trees In the spring time, in the summer, winter snow, or autumn breeze

And the muffled footsteps falter as they leave new inmates there,

With aching hearts, and mourning, with sobs that stifle prayer!

Under the moss and daisies, under the waving grass, Silent and cold, and pulseless, the dead lie, as they pass!

The people turn in sorrow, and back to the living go!

And many forget their mourning, and a few live on in woe. There's a lonely grave in that "City" unmarked by headstone or cross,

And only the true hearts know it, that kneel by its withered moss.

The missing are soon forgotten but His life or greatness and worth

Should live in eternal remembrance, while his name is spoken on earth.

But oh! were it in my power, I would build thee, beloved Saint!

A snow-white marble chapel, costly and rare, and quaint.

Enshrining thy sacred eternal, would blend with thy people's prayer.

And no longer the sorrowing faithful would kneel on the humble clay

And wonder if all thy noble deeds had passed from memory away.

For now in that sad "God's Acre," where the mournful branches wave

There is naught in grateful remembrance, but a lonely, unmarked grave!

—Mercedes in St. Xavier's Journal.

Sis Hopkin's Sayings.

BY ROSE MELVILLE.

A gifted person is not necessarily generous

Some actors are always scheming and never performing.

Enterprise wins more medals than a fancy roller skater.

Many a man is indisposed to work when he is in robust health.

When a boy gets to sewing wild oats it is time for thrashing.

Ma says all cross-eyed women are not crooked, but they look it.

A bridge may cross a stream or it may not; but a woman is always cross when dinner is kept waiting.

There was a young lady from Kokomo who caused jokers a lot of woe; for ju d'esprit and not she cared not a jot—and as for double entente she never did know.

Megaphone Bonehead has recovered from his late indisposition. During his illness Doctor Rhubarb Sawbones was fortunately in Chicago attending a veterinary convention.

Dr. Hornback, Oculist and Aurist, Hannibal, Mo. tf.

The sane man who says that people should be honest in politics and religion will try to put the kibosh on being a hypocrite in religion next thing we know,—Quincy Herald.

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Lost

A black hound bitch with white on feet, tip of tail and neck. Answers to the name of Beauty. Return her to V. C. Spalding and be rewarded.

Starving Enthusiasm

If you expect your clerks to be enthusiastic about the store and the business, see that you give them reason to be, says a contemporary. "Nothing will starve to death much quicker than enthusiasm." It is pretty hard for the most loyal employee to get enthusiastic about a business that isn't effectively advertised. Requiring a clerk to push goods that have not had the advantage of newspaper introduction is like asking a carpenter to work with dull tools. The lack of enthusiasm so obvious to the merchant who fails to grasp his advertising opportunity is very likely to communicate itself to his salespeople —Quincy Herald.

Joke on Hoke.

Hoke Smith, editor of the Atlanta Journal run against Clark Howell editor of the Atlanta Constitution for governor of Georgia and won out. One of Hoke's first acts was to chop off the head of a Railroad Commissioner Joseph Brown. Brown got hot and swore he would run against Smith in the next election for governor and defeat him. Smith and Georgia looked upon the threat as a joke. Time rolled on and Brown run for office and has defeated Smith.

Scalped.

Brick Swearengen took a carload of live poultry to Chicago last week and it came near costing him his life. In passing a conduit his head struck it and the result was a three inch scalp wound. He came home with his head swathed in bandages.

Clarence Smith left Thursday for Butler, Mo., where he now holds a position on the Butler Press. Monroe sends her young men one by one into the outer world where they learn: That school commencements mean not a frolic alone, but the commencement of real, actual life work. May success crown the efforts of Clarence, for it does our hearts good and makes us glad to hear of the success of a Monroe boy.

Judge James T. Umstadt has been a Shelby visitor.

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